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EX PARTE

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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary - FCC
445 Twelfth St., SW
Washington, D.C., 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Meeting
CC Docket No. 99-200 – In the Matter of Numbering Resource Optimization

Dear Ms. Salas,

Today, Kathleen Levitz of BellSouth, Melissa Newman of Qwest, Jonathon Boyton of SBC, Marie Breslin of Verizon, and I on behalf of Sprint, met with Jeff Carlisle, Scott Bergmann, Diane Harmon, Margaret Dailey, and Chris Barnekov of the Common Carrier Bureau regarding the above referenced matter. Specifically, the carrier representatives pointed out that our companies are incurring significant costs in the implementation of thousand block number pooling and have all filed cost studies with the Commission detailing these costs. We urged the Bureau representatives to review the cost studies and to provide a federal cost recovery mechanism as soon as possible. We discussed the need for a federal mechanism since the vast majority of the costs being incurred are national or regional in nature and not attributable to a particular state. We pointed out that currently, no state provides for recovery of number pooling costs.

In accordance with FCC rules, this letter is being filed electronically in the docket identified above.

Sincerely,
/s/
Pete Sywenki

cc: Chris Barnekov
Scott Bergmann
Jeff Carlisle
Margaret Dailey
Diane Harmon